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MORE GOOD NEWS.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we are able to confirm the good news given by THE RECORD last week that the Reduction Works Co. are going on to complete the works and operate them. Messrs. Linn and Larkin this week met the Winnipeg share holders who were satisfied that the works are practically completed, and are preparing to test them. Chemists are now on the way to stock the laboratory, and pending their arrival rock will be crushed and reduced to concentrates. The Winnipeg share holders have bought and paid for a portion of the treasury stock and there are now funds on hand to complete the operating apparatus required for reducing ore to bullion. This is indeed good news, and by the time another issue of THE RECORD appears we hope to be able to announce the long wished-for consummation that the reduction works are actually in operation, and that the gold is being extracted from Lake of the Woods ore. We have no hesitation in saying that when properly tested our mines will produce such ores as will set at rest all doubts as to there being gold on the Lake of the Woods in paying quantities. It has taken a long time to reach the point of realization, but it is now unquestionably nigh at hand. Our expectations may be regarded as sanguine, but we firmly believe that in less than a year from now they will be fully realized, and that doubters will have their eyes opened to the fact that we are an important mining as well as lumbering centre.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION.

The question of public school accommodation is just now assuming considerable importance in Rat Portage. The present school building, though large and roomy, is found to be inadequate to meet the rapid increase in our population. The total number of children of school age in the municipality, according to the last revised assessment roll, is 400, 309 in Rat Portage and 91 in Norman. The law requires that the trustees shall provide a room and a teacher for every sixty children of school age. This would be at least five teachers and as many rooms in our school. The Rat Portage public school has only three teachers and the same number of rooms. If we include in the number the separate school, then we have four teachers. It is very apparent that Rat Portage is very much in need of additional school accommodation. There are at the present time in the public school for 1891, 275 pupils; 188 of these have attended since vacation, and many more would go if they could be accommodated. With an average attendance of 240, Port Arthur has seven teachers and they cannot be said to be too well served. There is nothing that helps a town so

much in the eyes of the public as good schools, and to have such there must be ample room and a sufficient number of teachers. Rat Portage should not allow other towns to exceed it in that respect. It is evident that the trustees are in a difficult position. The parents are besieging them to increase the accommodation, while some of the ratepayers object to an increase in taxes. The law steps in and says the trustees must provide the accommodation, and the ratepayers may as well make up their minds to foot the bill. We understand the trustees are having plans prepared for an addition to the present building, and that they are making efforts to meet the exigencies of the case.

A MINERAL EXHIBIT.

That is what those interested in Lake of the Woods mines should have on exhibition at all the great provincial shows of the Dominion. There is not the slightest doubt that this district is one of the richest gold fields on the continent of America, but only a few people know it. It is not high time that some effort was made to impress the fact upon the rest of the world, who may in some indefinite way have heard of Lake of the Woods gold, but have not been shown any tangible evidence of it. These gold finds have been known for ten years at least to people in Rat Portage and a very few others. Now, let us candidly look at the reasons why greater progress has not been made in their development. What has really been done by the citizens to attain that object? They have voted a bonus of \$10,000 for the erection of reduction works, but is it not a fact that they are growling at one another for fear somebody will run away with it, instead of finding some business way of attaining the desired operation of the establishment? Frankly now, fellow citizens, is there not too much laying back, Micawber like, for capitalists to come along and make us all rich? Is it not about time we became a little more enterprising in that direction? Now the matter of an exhibit is not an expensive undertaking, but it still would do much good. If we had an exhibit at the Toronto exhibition it would prove that we really had something to show, and no doubt other mineral districts of the province will be represented. Why should we not be? It is now too late, no doubt, for that, but we can still be represented at Winnipeg. It is an easy matter to decide, and just as easy to do. Let us make a start in that line. To follow our suggestion with something practical, THE RECORD offers to receive specimens and provide a case for them, if those more directly interested will hand in the specimens in good time. If a sufficient number and variety are received to make a good exhibit they will be placed to show to advantage, and properly protected from vandals, so as not to be broken or injured, or carried away. Now, gentlemen, who will be the first to move?

If you are not subscribing for or advertising in THE RECORD, it is time to do so.

The Fort William Journal has doubled itself into a semi-weekly. It is a live, enterprising paper, and deserves the liberal support of the citizens of Fort William, which its advertising columns indicate it receives to a large extent. The merchants evidently understand the value of advertising in a local paper, and the desirability of helping to build up the town by encouraging the publisher in a practical way.

The Fort William Journal, the advertising columns of which show the enterprise of Fort William business men, has this to say of the newspaper in general: "We believe that there is no one thing that will do more toward building up the town than a good live paper, full of news and interesting local and foreign matter. It attracts strangers to the place, it brings money here with the people, it sells real estate, it builds houses, it makes work for carpenters, masons and other mechanics, it sells meat, groceries, clothing, boots and shoes, and everything else that enters into the household economy."

DOMINION BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

Mr. J. R. Stratton, M.P.P., for West Peterboro, one of the directors of the above Association, was in town on Wednesday. He inspected the agency and the work of the local board here, and expressed himself as pleased with the work done so far. Loans to the amount of \$15,000 have been made in Rat Portage, and Mr. Stratton is satisfied that the money has been well placed and that the security is ample. The local board comprises—Mr. John Wellington, president; Mr. A. Wood, vice-president; Messrs. C. W. Belyea, J. L. Brown, Chas. Pope and W. C. Kisteen, directors; Mr. A. J. Parsons, treasurer; Mr. J. K. Brydon, secretary; the appraisers are Messrs. Geo. McCannion, S. C. McGinnis, A. Woods and C. W. Belyea. Though the Association has been doing business only about two years, it has established itself in the confidence of the public, and is doing business in every important city and town in Canada.

The project of Australian confederation has encountered a rebuff in the return by New South Wales, the senior Antipodean colony, of a parliamentary majority opposed to federation in any form; and in the refusal, which is also announced, of New Zealand to become a member of the proposed commonwealth. Opposition to the project in both colonies comes mainly, it appears, from the workmen, whose objection to it has its ground and origin in a fear that confederation would involve the support of the poorer colonies by those that are more prosperous, and that the latter would be called upon to shoulder the debts of the former.

The action of the Queen in reviewing the French fleet at Plymouth, and in calling to President Carnot her good wishes, is recognized in France as a very friendly compliment to that country. The Queen is now much advanced in years, and that she should have undergone the fatigues of the sea, and the strain of several official receptions is commented on by warm terms by the Parisian press. Her references to Britain are quite cordial, and are a good omen of the settlement of outstanding diplomatic disputes between the two countries. There are people who talk much of the cost in money of royalty, which no doubt is considerable, but the Queen's readiness to maintain friendly feelings with France by performing services that only a Sovereign could effectively fulfil, might be worth millions to English commerce at a time when a French hostile tariff is to some extent a result of national irritation. "Time alone can tell, of course, but the Queen's kindness, as recognized by the French, the Franco-British and other French journals, may do much to smooth over international disagreements."

THE DIRECTOR OF MINES.

At the time that Mr. A. Blue paid a visit to this district and Winnipeg, the Free Press said:

That he has been spending a week or so in the Rainy river, Crow lake and other districts, and was greatly impressed with that section of country. He thinks it is one of the most beautiful districts he ever visited. Regarding the mining around Rat Portage and the Lake of the Woods, Mr. Blue expressed the opinion that the new reduction works, which are about completed, will do much to demonstrate the mineral wealth of that section. The best informed people he found there believed the prospects were most bright.

The general plans of the new Bureau of Mines, as explained by Mr. Blue, would indicate that the results are certain to be of the greatest benefit to the Province of Ontario. The first place the Bureau of Mines will aim to develop the mining industry rather than to collect scientific facts about minerals. Enough has been learned already to convince the most skeptical that vast as is the wealth possessed by Ontario in her fertile soil and her great forests, that which lies hidden in mineral bearing veins is equally calculated to return capital and yield rich reward to industry. The work of getting out the ore and of extracting the metals which form its riches is that which now commands attention. In this respect much has to be learned. The experience of other lands may guide generally, but research and experiment on the ground are necessary in order to apply the principles of metallurgy which are already known. To collect and make available the knowledge gained in such experiments is one of the greatest objects of the Bureau. This work Mr. Blue is particularly fitted to perform. His administration of the Ontario Bureau of Statistics proves that he has both the industry and the judgment necessary to collect facts and present them in useful form. In applying his ability as a statistician to the special work he has now undertaken he is greatly assisted by his wide and accurate knowledge of the present mining developments of Ontario. In his late office, Mr. Blue collected a vast mass of information concerning the mines and minerals of the province, and the knowledge thus gained he extended and improved as a member and secretary of the mining commission, whose report, prepared largely by Mr. Blue, is one of the most interesting, complete and valuable state documents ever presented to the legislature. The establishment of a museum of mineralogy and metallurgy is another of the means proposed for collecting and disseminating information among the people. The inspection of mines is an important feature of the work. In the Fort Arthur silver district, in the Sudbury nickel region and in the rich iron deposits of Hastings and Peterborough counties there are already large mines in operation with every prospect of the number rapidly increasing.

Mr. Blue is a Canadian by birth and lifelong residence. He was born in a farm in Oxford township, Kent county, and spent his early days partly in work and partly in gaining an education. He attended for some time an excellent school in Dewar village, and of this school he became teacher while still a mere youth. In 1867 he entered upon the journalistic career which has done so much to fit him for the important public duties he has been called upon to perform. He was engaged as reporter on the St. Thomas Home Journal. By faithful and intelligent work he steadily improved his position until he became the responsible editor and part owner of the paper. In 1879 he returned to Toronto and became connected with the Globe, holding in succession several important positions. Subsequently he became proprietor and editor of the World. This position he relinquished in 1883 to become the head of the Ontario Bureau of statistics. The organization of this branch of the public service, the methods of gaining and compiling the information respecting the industries of the province was mainly Mr. Blue's work. His appointment as Deputy Minister was a few years later. Mr. Blue is a member of the American Institute of

Mining Engineers, of the American Economic Association, of the American Academy of Political Science, of the Canadian Institute and of other important scientific bodies. He has been a student all his life, his special line of research being in the direction of economic science, on those branches of which he has written a number of important papers.

An exchange gives this opinion on the province of a newspaper: Can a newspaper please everybody? It cannot. Ought everyone to be pleased? No. Why not? Well if a newspaper please everybody and everybody were pleased, the time spent here on earth would be so fearfully monotonous that the people would not care how soon the old globe on which we repose went to pieces. A newspaper must rattle the dry bones, make everybody mad, be boycotted, kick up the devil, tell the truth, expose falsehood, lay bare hypocrisy, fraud and the like, and trust to the sober, sound thought of all fair-minded people.

The two parties in Kingston may unite on a nomination for Mr. Blake, but that does not say that he will not accept it. His return to public life would be especially welcomed by the country in this crisis of its affairs; but in the face of his West-Durham manifesto, one is puzzled to know where he could stand. Until there shall be a change in the political conditions it is feared that by his own act Mr. Blake has put himself out of court. The air smells of change, however, and there would be a feeling of greater confidence if he were on the stage when they come. Now of all other times is the moment when Canada demands the service of her ablest and best men.—Free Press.

Manitoba is not the only part of the continent which has experienced an unusually cool season. The crops throughout the western States generally, as well as here, are much later than usual, on account of the cool season. Corn, which requires warm weather, is unusually backward, and it is feared that the frost will catch some of it yet. In Iowa and Nebraska, the last official reports stated that it would take a month of normal weather to ripen all the corn. The situation is therefore risky, as frost has already been experienced throughout eleven of the northwestern and central States, and even as far south as Missouri and Kansas. The cranberry crop of Wisconsin, which is an important item, has been nearly wiped out by frost. For Manitoba the season has been remarkably cool throughout, and cloudy weather has prevailed to an abnormal extent. The record of previous years has shown that this region has always been noted for the large amount of sunny, cloudy weather being exceptional. This season, however, has surprised all weather statisticians, in the number of cool, cloudy days.—Commercial.

The London Times says that the transport of mails from Yokohama across the American continent will, in all probability be delivered in London within 21 days. This is undoubtedly a great triumph for the C. P. R. and its line of subsidized steamers. The leader goes on to give the time occupied in crossing the Pacific and mentions the mail train left Vancouver and accomplished the distance to Brockville at a rate of 30 miles per hour by the C. P. R. and reached New York by the New York Central at a speed of 51 miles per hour. Of course this remarkable performance must be regarded as a tour de force for ordinarily it could not be expected that "news would be so exactly throughout; as to enable mails landed at Vancouver at noon Saturday to be shipped at New York early in the morning of the following Wednesday. It may be assumed, therefore, that the transit under ordinary circumstances would be nearer twenty-five than twenty-one days. However, it shows what can be done in cases of emergency, and the C. P. R. and its steamers afford a more alternative route to the east through British territory. The route is established and its advantages are at the service of the empire in time of need. The delivery of mails in London with a twenty-one day delay of leaving Yokohama is a feat never before accomplished at so early a season in the year, and a proud word to add to the laurels of the British empire.

RAT PORTAGE.

"The Saratoga of the West."

TOWN TOPICS.

—Reeve Young is away for a fortnight's trip on the lake. Councilor Ridout is acting Reeve.

—Mr. W. B. Thibault has received a commission in the High Court of Justice of Ontario for taking affidavits.

—Mr. T. S. Carman the publisher of the Belleville Ontario, and Mr. R. C. Clute, a barrister, of that town stopped over here a day last week on their way west. They were delighted with the Lake of the Woods.

—C. B. White, brought from Winnipeg by constable Emmons on a charge of obtaining goods under false pretences, was brought before Mr. Wm. Young, reeve, and Mr. A. Campbell, J.P., on Saturday and was remanded till the 15th.

—The steamer Highland Maid arrived from Rainy River on Wednesday with the following passengers: Mr. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Law, and Mr. Fuller, Fort Francis; Mr. R. E. Coates, Little Falls; Mr. W. Fotheringham, Rainy River, and others.

—The C.P.R. will sell round trip tickets to the Winnipeg industrial exhibition from Sept. 27th to Oct. 1st, inclusive, good to return till Tuesday, Oct. 6th, at the following rates: Rat Portage \$4, Keewatin \$3.95, Kalmuk \$3.35, Rennie \$2.50, Whitecourt \$1.95.

—Knox church flower services on Sunday will be at 11 and 19 o'clock. Sermons will have reference to flowers and lessons to be drawn from them. The Rev. R. G. Meredith, M.A., of Canby will preach in the morning. The pastor, Mr. R. N. Nairn, B.A., will preach in the evening.

—A number of our local sports went to Cross Lake last Saturday duck shooting. They secured good bags. Great praise is given Capt. Brecken for the hospitable manner in which he opens his house for the comfort and accommodation of visitors. Not much credence is placed in that goose yarn; the general opinion is that both flocks of geese have left Cross Lake.

—The Christian Endeavor of Knox church had a very large meeting last Monday evening. The subject, "How we can show we are God's true children" was led by Mrs. Nairn. The meeting was a very lively and profitable one, a great many taking part. Next Monday evening Miss Carrie Menzies will read a paper on "Missionary work in China and Japan."

—There are business men in town who will find it to their advantage to advertise in The Record. We can give them reasons if they want to see. We reach the people. Some of them do not see the advertisements of the business men, and while that state of things continues, will keep on sending out of town for their goods. Attract their business by good live advertisements in The Record.

—Mr. Aubrey White, assistant commissioner of Crown Lands, who accompanied the Ontario ministers on their recent visit to Lake of the Woods, is quite a hero now. While at Brinsford, Mr. White rescued from drowning two children aged five and fifteen, who had fallen into deep water in the lake. Seeing their danger he, at considerable risk to his own life, at once jumped into the water and brought them safely to land. Eastern despatch.

—The steamer Shamrock came in on Saturday evening last from Fort Francis, having experienced a rough voyage. Mr. O. Dunlop and party Miss Locking and Miss Boyce were among the passengers. Miss Boyce was taken to Westminister. R.C. The Shamrock left for Rainy River again on Wednesday. The following were from the Russell House as carrying passengers: Mrs. Campbell, Miss R. Arnold, Miss May Arnold, Messrs. W. Wickson and J. H. Hughes.

—Yes, the News has improved a little in gathering news—since The Record came.

—Some extra railway coupling will be done next week by the aid of our clergy.

—The Foresters "At Home" on Thursday evening was a very enjoyable affair, a pleasant time being spent.

—Wednesday evening service is being held in St. Alban's church at 10.30 o'clock, to be continued regularly in the future.

—Hon. C. F. Fraser, Commissioner of Public Works, is calling for tenders for the erection of a registry office at Rat Portage.

—Illustrations of the subject "God with us" were given on the blackboard at the Epworth League meeting last Monday evening. Next Monday evening, Mr. E. Boulter takes the subject, "Is there something against us?"

—At the last business meeting of the Epworth League of Zion Methodist church it was moved, seconded and resolved: "That the hearty thanks of the League be tendered to the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Knox church for the moonlight excursion by the steamer Shamrock, on the 18th ult. and for the abundant refreshments supplied on that occasion, and that we express our high appreciation of such well conceived interchanges of social and Christian fellowship."

Mining Matters.

—What about specimens for exhibition? Enquire at THE RECORD office.

—The many friends of Mr. Glas, F. Eschweiler will be sorry to learn that he is still in ill health. For the past few months he has been at the hot springs of Mount Clemens, Michigan. He hopes soon to resume operations on the Stuart mine where he has already expended some \$6,000 in development.

—Mr. Jeff Hillbreath left on Wednesday for a trip to Chicago. He expects to deal with a party of heavy capitalists who will proceed at once to work one of at least of three mines under consideration as soon as the purchase is completed. This is a deal that means business. The parties are men who have made money in mining and understand the business.

—Mr. John Davies, of Chicago, a practical mining expert, arrived here on Saturday last. He inspected of the Sullivan and other properties for Chicago capitalists, and was very favorably impressed. He said the formation was good, and that a good gold country was liable to be opened up. Mr. Davis has had a wide experience in Leadville, California, and Arizona. He returned on Tuesday.

—Specimens that would set a western mining camp ablaze, with excitement were brought in from Gold creek location on Saturday last, by the proprietor, Mr. G. F. Ernst. The specimens show lead gold to the naked eye to a wonderful extent. Mr. Ernst is particularly delighted at the result of his development, because experts had condemned the property, while he on his own judgment in purchasing it. The location is situated on the south side of Pine Portage bay, west of the well known Pine Portage location, and was known as the Kendall property. The vein only showed eight inches in width on the surface, but widened as the shaft was sunk till it is now six feet wide. The work of sinking a shaft is being continued, and the ore will be tested at the reduction works when ready. Mr. Ernst has great confidence in our mining prospects, and is in a position to interest capitalists, as he has had experience in the organization of wealthy companies. He is enthusiastic over his property, and there is no doubt it should be good as it is surrounded by such properties as the Sullivan, the Pine Portage, the Gold Hill and others.

Personal Paragraphs.

—Mr. J. M. Savage is here on a visit to Winnipeg.

—Mr. S. Menary has returned from England with his bride.

—Mr. H. F. Holmes went to Winnipeg yesterday on business.

—Mr. Colman, of the Hudson's Bay Co., is in Winnipeg this week.

—Mrs. John Harvey, of Ottawa, is here visiting her brother, Mr. Wm. McCarthy.

—Conductor Jas. McIntosh and family, went east to St. Thomas, Ont., on Monday evening.

—Miss Ferrier, of Portage la Prairie, is here on a visit to her brother, Mr. L. W. Ferrier.

—Capt. E. Brydges, C. Brydges and Steve Matthews, took in the races in Winnipeg last week.

—Mrs. J. Rose is expected to return from the east to-night. She has been as far as New York.

—Lt. Col. Gray, of the Brigade Major's office, Toronto, was in town on Monday last, inspecting the clothing of the local military company.

—Mrs. L. Hilliard returned on Wednesday evening from a two weeks visit to Winnipeg. While there she placed Master Charlie in St. John's College.

—The Brockton had a pleasant call on Tuesday from Mr. J. R. Stratton, M.P.P. for West-Peterboro and publisher of the Peterboro daily and weekly Examiner.

—Conductor W. Downing, has been running on one of the passenger trains for the past three weeks, in place of Conductor Bigger, who has been away on leave of absence.

—Mr. Chas. McCabe, formerly stipendiary magistrate here for the Dominion Government, during the constitution of the C. P. R., arrived here on Thursday evening on a visit and left for the east last night.

—Messrs. Russell Woods and Chas. Pope went east last night as delegates to attend the meetings of the B.E. and R.E. to be held at Montreal next week. Mr. Chas. Unwin, formerly here, but now on the Regina and Long Lake railway, went east at the same time.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

A visit to the Rat Portage public school reveals a busy scene. The rooms are fuller than a beehive, for there are more attending than there is accommodation for. Mr. M. Segmiller, the principal, has fifth, fourth and senior third classes. The fifth class is doing high school work and the fourth entrance work. If he had only these two he would have his hands full, but on account of the crowded state of the other rooms, he has to take in the senior third. The room of the first assistant, Mr. R. E. Preston, is more than full, and the primary teacher, Miss Crooks, is compelled to tell some of her classes to come only half days. She teaches certain classes in the forenoon and dismisses them for the afternoon, when she takes other classes that have not been present in the morning. There are 275 pupils on the roll for this whole school, 120 have been attending since vacation, and many more would go but for the crowded state of the rooms. The three rooms have a seating capacity of only 157. Such a state of affairs is not justice to the teachers, as it is not possible to properly handle so many with only three teachers. We understand the trustees are making efforts to remedy this state of things. It is very desirable that they should do so, as all should be welcome to the public school, and no thought should be entertained of excluding any.

—The steamship City of New York passed Brinsford on Tuesday. Her date to New York was 5 days 22 hours and thirty minutes. Her track the east-bound record. The China and Japan mail (or steamship) Empress of Japan to Vancouver and the Canadian Pacific Railway to New York were aboard the City of New York, and reached London in 20 days from Brinsford, beating all previous mail records.

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At the Russell: B. Wallis, H. Wire, Jno. P. Jarkin, R. E. Carter, Mrs. Sutherland, Robt. Strang, John Paterson, Mrs. F. Merrick, Miss Dixon, R. J. Galbraith, G. Tempest and wife, Mrs. F. J. Sproule, Miss J. Sproule, Miss Scott, Winnipeg; T. Lindsay, Port Arthur; John Davies, Chicago; E. T. Leclair, J. Locke, Minneapolis; E. W. Gaylord, St. Paul; Geo. Mesleard, Vermilion Bay; H. A. Smith, Fort, Edley; D. S. Stearns, Brinsford, Ont.; H. L. Blaw, Omaha; Mrs. Cornish and child, Miss de Balthazard, Battle; F. C. Cornish, A. O. Butler, Port Francis; J. R. Stratton, M.P.P., Peterboro; W. B. Fotheringham, Rainy river; W. M. Fuller, Little Falls, Minn.

At the Hilliard: W. S. Holland, Oliver, Dunlop, Jos. Chentis, Port Arthur; R. McDonald, Montreal; Geo. Drewag, Lake St. Louis; A. G. Mesnab, White Dog; P. T. Roberts, Rainy river; Chas. McCabe, Peterboro, N.S.; H. Rosenthal, W. H. Schneider, R. G. Lunnigan, C. E. Parker, T. S. Keller, J. Robinson and wife, Henry Webster, Dr. J. A. Lavigne, G. T. Simpson, J. G. Schell and wife, C. R. Dixon, Jno. A. Macdonell, Winnipeg; Chas. Peter, Thos. Dowdell, Thos. Kerr, Lt. Col. Gray, Toronto; A. Peterson, Regina; D. C. Irwin, Fort Francis; E. F. Kendall, Clearwater Bay; J. McKenzie, Islington, Dr. A. M. Eastman, J. I. Watson, St. Paul; F. Longmore, Rapid river.

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TENDERS.

TENDERS, either separate or in bulk, will be received by the undersigned up to noon of

Monday, September 14th, 1891,

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NORMAN.

THE RECORD desires to fill these columns with Norman matters. The citizens can help us do it.

Miss Earlechild returned to Winnipeg last Saturday morning, after spending a few weeks at Norman.

Mr. A. Wickson, manager of the Merchants' Bank at Winnipeg, who has been visiting the great lumber centre, cruising on the lake and Rainy river, returned to the prairie city last Saturday morning.

Mr. J. B. Davies went into Winnipeg last Tuesday morning on a business trip. While there he attended the Presbytery and addressed that learned body in support of the Norman congregation's request for a ministerial supply and aid from the Home Mission fund.

The six o'clock dinner and concert, to be held in the Norman hall under the auspices of the Methodist church choir, on the 22nd inst., promises to be an enjoyable affair. Dinner will be served from 17 to 20 o'clock. Price 25c. Ice cream 10c. extra. The program of the concert will consist of quartettes, duets, solos, recitations, etc. The steamer Keewatin will be in connection, leaving Rat Portage at 7 o'clock, returning at the end of the concert. The ferry will run her regular trips, but leave Norman at 21.45 for Keewatin.

The Rev. E. G. MacBeth, M.A., of Carman, will preach a special sermon to the Foresters at 15 o'clock next Sunday afternoon. The steamer Annie Mc and an extra steamer, if required, will leave the Rat Portage dock at 14.20 o'clock. A big crowd of Foresters and others is expected over, and all lovers of a first class sermon should make it a point to be present, as with next Sunday the visit of the above eloquent preacher comes to a close. Mr. MacBeth is a native born Manitowan, of pure Scotch blood, and over six feet high. He is acknowledged to be one of the best preachers of the west.

Norman, if slowly, is surely advancing, and the great outside bodies are beginning to acknowledge her claims to consideration. The Rat Portage council have been almost phenomenal in their attention this summer. Last Tuesday the Winnipeg Presbytery were almost enthusiastic in their willingness to attend to the requirements of Norman, and the result will be that the pulpit supplies for the winter will be second only to the great prairie city itself. Supplies will likely be sent out from Manitoba college for every Sunday, the train arrangements being now so favorable that the leading professors of the college will be able to come out Saturday night and return in time to attend to their duties on Monday.

A six o'clock dinner and concert will be held at Norman on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., under the auspices of the Methodist church choir. Dinner from 17 to 20 o'clock. The following is the menu:

FINN.
Baked White, Sauce and Sliced Lemon.
ENTREES.
Pork and Beans, Cheese, Roast Duck and Dressing.
ROASTS.
Pork and Beans, Cheese, Roast Duck and Dressing.
PASTRY.
Rice Pudding, Lemon and Pumpkin Pie, Blueberry and Raspberry Tart.
FRUIT.
Ice Cream Pie, Extra.

BIRTHS.
McKay. At Norman, on the 7th inst., the wife of Mr. John McKay, of a daughter.

SERMONS.
Sunday service 11 o'clock; Friday, Prayer Meeting, 20 o'clock. Pastors—Rev. W. N. Jamieson, Rev. J. J. Chegwain.
Presbyterian church.
Sunday, services in Norman hall at 15 and 19 o'clock. Sunday school at 11 o'clock. Tuesday, prayer meeting at 20 o'clock.

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Le Canadian asks: "Are we, on the eve of crisis in Quebec?" and goes on to say that the British flag has not waved for the last two weeks over the office of the Lieutenant-Governor at the public buildings yet the prime minister and his colleagues are at their posts. Le Canadian, which went through the "Letelier" tempest sees prescient signs of another cyclone.

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ANGELICAN CHURCH.
St. Alban's church: Sunday services, morning, 11 o'clock; evening, 19 o'clock. Sunday school, 10 o'clock. Wednesday, evening service, 19.30 o'clock. Choir practice, Saturday, 9 o'clock. The pews are all free and unappropriated. Strangers are cordially invited and will be furnished with seats. A. J. Keating, organist.

METHODIST CHURCH.
Sunday services 11 and 19 o'clock; Sunday school 14.30 o'clock. Monday, Epworth League, 20 o'clock. Wednesday, Prayer Meeting, 20 o'clock. Pastors—Rev. W. N. Jamieson, Rev. J. J. Chegwain.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday services 11 and 19 o'clock; Young people's Prayer Meeting, 10 o'clock; Sunday school and Bible class, 14.30 o'clock; Monday, Christian Science, 10 o'clock; Tuesday, Wednesday evening, Prayer Meeting, 20 o'clock. Pastor—Rev. H. K. Kaito, B.A.

J. O. O. K.
Gold Hill Lodge, No. 621, meets every Thursday at 20 o'clock, in Garfield Hall. P. W. Nelson, N.O.; J. M. T. Tison, U.S. Golden Eucampment, No. 70, meets on the second and fourth Tuesday in each month, at 20 o'clock, in Garfield Hall. H. Wright, O.P.; N. Selinger, S.

J. O. O. K.
Piquette Lodge, No. 414, G. R. C., meets on the first Wednesday of each month, in the Masonic hall, at 20 o'clock. D. H. Currie, W.M.; D. T. Ferguson, Sec.

J. O. O. K.
Golden Royal Arch Chapter, No. 90, meets on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Masonic hall, at 20 o'clock. A. Carmichael, Z.; J. M. Savage, S.E.

J. O. O. K.
Spartan Lodge, No. 19, meets in Forest Hall, on the first and third Tuesday of each month, at 20 o'clock. C. D. Tweedie, C.R.; J. K. Dryden, S.S.

ROYAL FRIDMANS.

Rat Portage Council, No. 64, meets every Friday in Garfield Hall at 20 o'clock. D. Murphy, S.E.; E. Remter, Sec.

NOTICE.

THE following is a summary of the Regulations respecting the manner of recording claims for Mineral Lands other than Coal Lands, and the conditions governing the purchase of the same.

Any person may explore vacant Dominion Lands and appropriate or reserve by Government for other purposes, and may search thereon, either by surface or subterranean prospecting, for mineral deposits, with a view to obtaining a mining location for the same but no mining location shall be granted until actual discovery has been made of the vein, lode, or deposit of mineral or metal within the limits of the location of claim.

A location for mining, except for Iron or Petroleum, shall not be more than 1,500 feet in length, nor more than 600 feet in breadth. A location for mining Iron or Petroleum shall not exceed 100 acres in area.

On discovering a mineral deposit any person may obtain a mining location, upon reaching his claim on the ground in accordance with the regulations in that behalf, and file with the Agent of Dominion Lands for the district, within sixty days from discovery, an affidavit in form prescribed by Mining Regulations, and paying at the same time an office fee of five dollars, which will entitle the person so locating his claim to enter into possession of the location applied for.

At any time before the expiration of five years from the date of recording his claim, the claimant may, upon filing proof with the Local Agent that he has expended \$500 in actual mining operations on the claim, by paying to the Local Agent therefor \$50 per acre, and may, at any time thereafter, to secure the grant of survey, obtain a patent for said claim, as provided in the said Mining Regulations.

Copies of the Regulations may be obtained upon application to the Department of the Interior.

A. M. BURGESS,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior,
Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, July, 1891.

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LOUIS HILLIARD, Proprietor.

This page of THE RECORD is reserved for Keewatin news and advertisements, just the same as if the paper was printed and published in Keewatin. Show your enterprise by filling the page.

Mr. C. W. Chadwick, final return of collector's roll for 1896, showing uncollectable taxes, to be \$13.44.

It is rumored that the British fleet now in the Mediterranean will shortly be ordered to Constantinople as a hint to the Sultan of the possible fate of his city should he become too aggressive toward England. It is also stated in a dispatch from Stamboul that the British fleet when it arrives will pass the Dardanelles into the Black Sea and give notice thereby to Russia that the Black Sea is not a Russian lake. The British ambassador at Constantinople, Sir Wm. White, some time since dispatched a vigorous note to the Porte demanding an apology for the affronts offered to British morale on the fronts in the Dardanelles.

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